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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the Office action dated April 8, 2004. A three-month period for response was set, making a response due on or before July 8, 2004. Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time, making a response due no later than October 8, 2004; the appropriate extension fee accompanies this filing. If the Commissioner concludes that additional fees are required, deposit account authority is provided on the attached transmittal sheet.

**Amendments to the Specification** are set forth beginning on page 2.

Please amend the claims as set forth in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 4.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Amendment.

A **Conclusion** is on page 13.

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